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SUBJ: UAEG INTEREST IN SIMON VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST

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1. I MADE MY FIRST CALL ON UAE MINPET OTAIBA THIS EVENING AND HAD OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT OUR VIEWS GENERALLY ON OIL PRICES ALONG LINES REFTELS. WILL GIVE FULLER REPORT OF CONVERSATION TOMORROW, BUT WISH NOW TO MENTION ONE POINT THAT OTAIBA RAISED BECAUSE IT MAY WELL ALSO BE RAISED BY SHEIKH ZAYID, WITH WHOM I HAVE 10 AM APPOINTMENT IN AL AIN JULY 9. WHEN I STATED OUR DESIRE FOR CLOSE DIALOGUE ON ISSUE OF OIL PRICES, OTAIBA ASKED, WITH GOOD-NATURED SMILE BUT ALSO SAME WARMTH, QUOTE WHY ISN'T MR. SIMON COMING TO ABU DHABI TO TALK WITH US--YOUR PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN BUT NEVER TO ABU DHABI? END QUOTE. SINCE SHEIKH ZAYID MAY BE HARBORING SIMILAR FEELINGS OF NEGLECT, WOULD

APPRECIATE GENERAL GUIDANCE ON SIMON TRIP. IS IT POSSIBLE FOR MR. SIMON TO INCLUDE SHORT STOP IN ABU DHABI IN ITINERARY? THAT WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT HERE AS EARNEST OF OUR DESIRE TO INTENSIFY US-UAE DIALOGUE ON WHOLE RANGE OIL ISSUES.

2. I AM LEAVING EARLY MORNING FOR AL AIN AND WILL
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CALL FROM THERE TO EMBASSY PRIOR TO MEETING WITH ZAYID

TO HAVE YOUR REPLY READ TO ME. CAPTION OF IMMEDIATE
(BUT NOT REPEAT NOT NIACT) WILL THEREFORE SUFFICE.
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